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SUMMARY: NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE HELD FALL MEETING IN REYKJAVIK
ON OCT 5-7, 1975. PRINCIPAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS WERE ELECTION OF NEW
PANEL MEMBERS AND DECISION ON RENEWING MANDATES OF ODER PANELS,
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PLUS POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW ONES (RADIOMETEOROLOGY AND STRESS
CORROSION CRACKING PANESL WERE PHASED OUT, AND US PROPOSAL WAS
ACCEPTED TO BEGIN WORK ON ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ONE ON MATERIALS
SCIENCES). SC MEMBERS ALSO DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO

NATURE OF PROPOSED SC REPORT TO COUNCIL, DRAFT OF WHICH WILL BE PREPARED FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION AT NEXT SC MEETING, TO BE HELD AT NATO ON FEB 5-6, 1976. INDIVIDUAL REYKJAVIK AGENDA ITEMS ARE DESCRIBED BELOW. END SUMMARY.

I. OPENING REMARKS OF CHAIRMAN. CHAIRMAN OZDAS CONFINED HIMSELF TO BRIEF REPORT ON BUDGETARY STATUS QUO OF SCIENCE PROGRAM WHICH HE POINTED OUT WAS EXPERIENCING GRADUAL ATTRITION IN TERMS OF REAL ACTIVITY EACH YEAR, UNDER PRESSURE OF BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS.

II. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION. SC MEMBERS HELD INITIAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION, WITH FOCUS ON "STATE OF FUNDAMENTAL SCIENCE IN MEMBER COUNTRIES." BELGIAN (CERULUS), CANADIAN (WILSON), NORWEGIAN (FINN LEID), UK (EDWARDS), DANISH (OLGAARD), AND US (RAB) REPS OUTLINED SITUATIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. DISCUSSION WAS ABBREVIATED IN LIGHT OF HEAVY AGENDA TO FOLLOW, BUT SC WILL RETURN TO TOPIC FOR FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AT ITS WINTER MEETING, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT NATO ON FEB 5-6, 1976.

III. REVISION OF PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS FOR SUBSIDIARY BODIES. SC ADOPTED PROPOSED REVISIONS TO ORIGINAL 1972 PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS. US REP, PER REF A, RECOMMENDED THAT PANEL GUIDELINES BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE CALLING FOR CLEAR RELATIONSHIP OF OBJECTIVES OF PANEL PROGRAMS TO FUNDAMENTAL SC MISSION OF PROMOTING BASIC SCIENCE WITHIN ALLIANCE AND STRENGTHENING OVERALL SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES. UK PROPOSAL RECEIVED GENERAL SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY FROM FRG REP (PESTEL), AND WAS ACCEPTED.

IV. FINANCIAL QUESTIONS. SC APPROVED ALL THREE END-OF-YEAR BUDGETARY PROPOSALS.

V. RESEARCH GRANTS. SC NOTED REPORT. BELGIAN REP COMPLIMENTED WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD JUDGMENT BEING DEMONSTRATED BY RESEARCH GRANTS PANEL IN ITS AWARDS.
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VI. ADVANCED STUDY INSTITUTES. SC NOTED REPORT.

VII. FELLOWSHIPS. SC NOTED REPORT. SOME SC MEMBERS CRITICIZED ABSENTEEISM ON PART OF ONE OR TWO FELLOWSHIPS PANEL MEMBERS (NOT RPT NOT U.S. MEMBER, WHO HAS BEEN REGULAR ATTENDEE).

VIII. REPORTS OF SPECIAL PROGRAM PANELS (SPP).

A. MARINE SCIENCES--SC NOTED PANEL REPORT. BOTH FRG AND US (PER REF A) REPS ASKED WHY PANEL HAD NOT YET AWARDED ANY GRANTS. DEPUTY ASYG KOVACH EXPLAINED THAT PANEL HAD REJECTED NUMEROUS APPLICATIONS AS SUB-STANDARD OR ELSE

AS OUTSIDE ITS AGREED PRIORITY TOPIC AREAS AND HAD REQUESTED FURTHER ELABORATION OF OTHER, MORE PROMISING ONES; LATTER REMAINED UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AND SOME WERE LIKELY TO RECEIVE GRANTS IN NEAR FUTURE. FRG REP CAUTIONED THIS AND OTHER SPP'S NOT TO ASSUME OVERLY PASSIVE ROLE, MERELY DISBURSING FUNDS IN RESPONSE TO APPLICATIONS RECEIVED; RATHER, HE URGED PANELS TO PLAY ACTIVE ROLE IN DEVELOPING PROGRAM OF THEIR WON AND SEEKING TO STIMULATE HIGH QUALITY WORK IN SELECTED FIELDS.

B. HUMAN FACTORS--SC NOTED PANEL REPORT.

C. STRESS CORROSION CRACKING--SC NOTED REPORT.

IX. CONTINUATION OF SPEICAL PROGRAM PANELS. SC EXPRESSED GENERAL SUPPORT FOR ONGOING WORK ON ECO-SCIENCES, SYSTEMS SCIENCES, HUMAN FACTORS, AND AIR-SEA INTERACTION PANELS AND REINSTITUTED ALL FOUR--IN EACH CASE FOR ANOTHER THREE YEAR TERM OF ACTIVITY. SC DECIDED NOT RPT NOT TO RENEW PROGRAMS OF RADIMETEOROLOGY AND STRESS COOROSION CRACKING PANELS; ACCORDINGLY, THESE WILL BE DISCONTINUED AS SOON AS THEIR LAST REMAINING WORK CAN BE PHASED OUT. SC DID NOT ACT AT THIS TIME ON 2-YEAR OLD MARINE SCIENCES PANEL, AS PROGRAM OF THIS MOST RECENTLY ESTABLISHED BODY HAS ONE MORE YEAR TO RUN BEFORE DUE FOR SC REVIEW.

X. APPOINTMENT OF PANEL MEMBERS. SC FILLED VARIOUS PANEL UNCLASSIFIED

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VACANCIES THROUGH SELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:
ADVANCED STUDY INSTITUTES--KROG (NORWAY) AND SANDORFY (CANADA).
RESEARCH GRANTS--MUUS (DENMARK) (FOR WHOM US REP EXPRESSED PARTICULAR SUPPORT).
AIR-SEA INTERACTION--SORRESTEIN (NETHERLANDS) AND SPEISS (USS).
MARINE SCIENCES--BATTAGLIA (ITALY), (KORRINGA (NETHERLANDS) AND LAUBIER (FRANCE).
SYSTEMS SCIENCE--DEPOY (US) AND KRARUP (DENMARK).
HUMAN FACTORS--ARICI (TURKEY), COBLENTZ (FRANCE), MORAY (UK) AND SCHMIDTKE (FRG).
ECO-SCIENCES--BARTHELS (LUXEMBOURG), DORST (FRANCE) AND FLOHN (FRG)

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XI. ANNUAL SC REPORT TO COUNCIL. UK, NORWEGIAN (FINN LEID), FRG, NETHERLANDS (STUYT), BELGIAN AND US ALL SPOKE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SC'S MAKING MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF PROPOSED ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL, A CONCEPT ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE BY SC AT LAST MEETING.

UK-UK REP--WHO HAD ORIGINATED IDEA OF SUCH AN ANNUAL SC REPORT, ARGUED THAT REPORT MUST STRESS VALUE OF SC PROGRAM TO ALLIANCE, ITS IMPORTANCE IN LINKING TOGETHER DISPARATE ALLIED COUNTRIES THROUGH SCIENCE, AND THE MEANS IT PROVIDES TO ENABLE SCIENTIFICALLY STRONGEST MEMBERS TO BOLSTER LEVEL OF SCIENTIFIC UNCLASSIFIED

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ACTIVITY IN LESS ADVANTAGED ALLIED NATIONS.

NETHERLANDS--NETHERLANDS REP AGREED THAT ANNUAL REPORT SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON A FEW TELLING EXAMPLES OF VALUABLE ROLE BEING PLAYED BY SC WITHIN ALLIANCE; REPORT COULD POINT UP SIGNIFICANT CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SCIENTIFIC FIELDS AND SHOW HOW SC IS SUPPORTING THESE TRENDS.

NORWAY--NORWEGIAN REP STATED THAT SC REPORT SHOULD NOT BE ROUTINE ANNUAL WRAP-UP, BUT SHOULD FOCUS ON ONE OR TWO MAIN THEMES OF CLEAR SIGNIFICANCE TO THE ALLIANCE. HE DEPLORED MANNER IN WHICH SCIENCE SO OFTEN COMES LAST IN BUDGETARY DELIBERATION AT NATO. FUNCTION OF THIS REPORT SHOULD BE TO PROMOTE ACTIVE DISCUSSION IN COUNCIL AND RECOGNITION BY PERMREPS THAT SCIENCE IS ESSENTIAL TO STRENGTH AND VITALITY OF ALLIANCE--INDEED THAT IT IS ONE AREA IN WHICH ALLIANCE UNQUESTIONABLY

SURPASSES THE EAST. HE ASCRIBED WESTERN SCIENTIFIC LEADERSHIP TO NATURE OF WESTERN SOCIETY WHICH OFFERED BETTER CLIMATE FOR BASIC SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY AND FOSTERED MORE EFFECTIVE APPLICATION OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE TO PRACTICAL PROBLEMS--BOTH CIVIL AND MILITARY. HE DESCRIBED DISENCHANTMENT WITH SCIENCE AS A DEADLY DANGER TO ALLIANCE IN AREA OF ITS GREATEST STRENGTH--A THREAT WHICH THE COUNCIL DOES NOT FULLY PERCEIVE. HE NOTED CURRENT PREOCCUPATION AT POLITICAL LEVELS IN ALLIANCE WITH QUESTIONS OF STANDARDIZATION, RATIONALIZATION AND JOINT PRODUCTION POSSIBILITIES--ON THE IMPORTANCE OF WHICH THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE ALLIED AGREEMENT. BUT NATO MEMBERS COULD NOT ACCOMPLISH SUCH TASKS WITH LESSENERED CREATIVITY. HE SAID THAT THE US HAD BEEN CAREFUL TO POINT OUT RECENTLY IN NATO THAT THE STRENGTH OF THE ALLIANCE COULD BE UNDERCUT IF STANDARDIZATION WERE ACHIEVED AT THE EXPENSE OF COMPETITION AND CREATIVITY. THE US HAD INITIATED DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT IN NAC IN SEPTEMBER, AND NATO MINISTERS WOULD ADDRESS IT IN DECEMBER. HE BELIEVED THAT SC COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THIS KIND OF DISCUSSION AT ANOTHER, DEEPER LEVEL, BY BRINGING ITS OWN ANNUAL PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL INTO PHASE WITH SUCH KEY ELEMENTS IN THE POLITICAL DIALOGUE WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. FRG-FRG REP NOTED DIFFICULTY OF IMPRESSING FINANCE MINISTERIES, WHICH CONTROL NATO BUDGETARY DECISIONS, WITH VALUE OF SC PROGRAM. HE BELIEVED THEY MIGHT RESPOND TO EVIDENCE THAT SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION FOSTERED BY SC REDUCED DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND THEREBY ENABLED GREATER COST EFFICIENCY AND CONSEQUENT SAVINGS IN EACH COUNTRY'S OWN UNCLASSIFIED

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FINANCIAL OUTLAY IN THESE FIELDS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT POLITICAL AUTHORITIES, WHO WERE PRESENTLY SO CONCERNED AT CENTIFUGAL TENDENCIES WITHIN NATO, WOULD CERTAINLY RESPOND TO DEMONSTRATION THAT SCIENCE PROVIDES A COHESIVE FORCE WITHIN ALLIANCE AND HELPS TO UNITY IT.

US--US REP RECALLED ORIGIN OF NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM IN LATE 1975'S AT TIME OF CRITICAL TECHNOLOGICAL CHALLENGE OF EAST TO WEST, AS POSED BY ORBITING OF SPUTNIK. ALLIED DECISION TO FOSTER CLOSER SCIENTIFIC INTERCHANGE AND COLLECTIVE EFFORT THROUGH NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM HAD PROVIDED STIMULUS FOR SUCCESSION OF USEFUL JOINT PROGRAMS, E.G., IN OCEANOGRAPHY, OF SCOPE WELL BEYOND CAPACITY OF MOST PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE INDIVIDUALLY. HE SAID THAT THE ALLIANCE COULD LOOK TO FUTURE WITH GREATER CONFIDENCE BECAUSE OF FREE PLAY OF IDEAS AMONG MEMBER NATIONS AND THEIR SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENT--A PROCESS TO WHICH THE SCIENCE PROGRAM CONTINUED TO CONTRIBUTE. SC REPORT TO COUNCIL SHOULD EMPHASIZE INEGRATIVE, FORWARD-LOOKING FEATURES OF PROGRAM. CHAIRMAN OZDAS, IN SUMMING UP, NOTED PARTICULAR SUPPORT EXPRESSED BY SC MEMBERS FOR REPORT IN VEIN SUGGESTED BY

NORWEGIAN REP. HE INVITED NORWEGIAN, UK AND CANADIAN SC MEMBERS TO FORM AD HOC COMMITTEE TO COLLABORATE WITH

SECRETARIAT ON DRAFT REPORT TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION BY
SC AT FEB 1976 MEETING. ALL THREE AGREED TO DO SO.

XII. CONFERENCE ON UNDERNUTRITION. NETHERLANDS REP (STUYT)
CAUTIONED THAT PROPOSAL FOR CONFERENCE ON IMPACT OF UNDER-
NUTRITION ON BRAIN AND BEHAVIOUS COULD HAVE HIGHLY UNFAVORABLE
POLITICAL REPRECUSIONS OUTSIDE ALLIANCE. SUCH TOPICS WHEN
SUGGESTED IN WHO HAD ALWAYS ENCOUNTERED FIERCE RESISTANCE ON
PART OF LDC'S WHICH VIEWED BASIC THESIS AS AFFRONT TO THEMSELVES.
HE SUGGESTED THAT SC MIGHT REASONABLY FOREGO SPONSORSHIP OF
THIS CONFERENCE ON GROUNDS THAT SUCH EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES
WERE NOT WITHIN ITS FIELD OF ACTIN. FRG REP
SUPPORTED THIS SUGGESTION. NO MEMBERS SPOKE IN FAVOR OF
CONFERENCE PROPOSAL, WHICH SECRETARIAT THEN WITHDREW.

XIII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. US REP INTRODUCED PROPOSAL
(REF A) FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SPECIAL PROGRAM PANEL ON
MATERIALS SCIENCES, WHICH RECEIVED VERY POSITIVE SC RESPONSE.
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SC AGREED ON FORMATION OF AD HOC EXPERT GROUP TO DEVELOP PANEL
SCOPE STATEMENT FOR SC CONSIDERATION AT FEBRUARY MEETING (SEE
REYKJAVIK 1149 FOR FURTHER DETAILS). NORWEGIAN REP DID NOT
REITERATE AT THIS TIME HIS SUGGESTION MADE AT LAST SC MEETING
FOR POSSIBLE NEW PANEL IN FIELD OF REMOTE SENSING.

XIV. NEXT MEETING. DANISH REP PROVIDED PRELIMINARY DESCRIPTION
OF PLANNING FOR SPRING 1976 SC MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD IN
COPENHAGEN ON MONDAY--WEDNESDAY, MAY 24-26, 1976. STREATOR

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